(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. AIR, Trivandrum is broadcasting programmes as usual. However, once or twice in a year, some changes are made in the programme Fixed Point Chart, keeping in view the listeners' interests.

Installation of high power transmission tower at Barmer, Rajasthan

†534. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high power transmission tower was installed at a cost of Rs. 5.32 crore at Barmer, Rajasthan in 1993;

(b) whether it is also a fact that its initial height was 300 meter which was later decided to be 100 meter only; and

(c) if so, the details of progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. A High Power Transmitter (1 KV), with a temporary tower, is functioning at Barmer in Rajasthan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Order for supply and eraction of 100 M tower has been placed.

New Cable TV distribution

535. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to switch over to a new Cable TV distribution based on the Conditional Access System (CAS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that reservation have been expressed with regard to CAS in several quarters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures to be taken with regard thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.